

REMARKS

In the above referenced case, claims 176-178, 180-182, 185-188, 190-192, 194-196, 199-202, 204-207, 209-211, 214-220, 222-224, 227-230, and 232 are pending. Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 176, 178, 181-182, 185, 187-188, 190, 192, 195-196, 199, 201-202, 204-205, 207, 210-211, 214, 216-218, 220, 223-224, 227, 229-230, and 232 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Muro et al., JP 63236494 (“MURO”) in view of Konno, U.S. Pat. No. 4,497,015 (“KONNO”).

Independent claims 176, 190, 205, and 217 have been amended to recite an additional element [d] for adjusting at least one of the two or more separate beams of electromagnetic energy (or light) by removing at least a predetermined portion of electromagnetic energy from the at least one beam at a beam stop.

This additional element has support based on at least Figures 20, 20A and 20B and their corresponding text in the Specification.¹

Neither MURO nor KONNO discloses or suggests a system that has a beam stop prior to the LCDs to absorb unwanted light. Based on the foregoing, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance.

¹ The embodiments described in the Specification (or illustrated in the Figures) are merely exemplary. Therefore, the claims should not be construed to cover only the exemplary embodiments described (or illustrated).

II. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections Regarding Other Dependent Claims

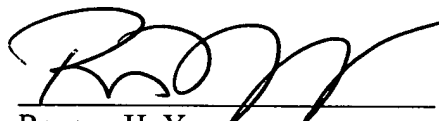
Dependent claims 180, 186, 194, 200, 209, 215, 222, and 228 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over MURO in view of KONNO and further in view of Craig, U.S. Pat. No. 4,740,836. Based on the foregoing regarding independent claims 176, 190, 205, and 217, Applicant respectfully submits that the §103 rejections of the dependent claims are now moot and these claims are in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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